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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Chula Vista – Guns, Explosives Found in Apartment after Blast

(U) Police say homemade guns and explosives were found in a Chula Vista apartment after an explosion and fire displaced 20 neighbors. Police later detained a man with burn injuries who told them his shirt caught fire while he was cooking and he threw it onto some gasoline containers before running out of the unit. Investigators say inside his apartment they found Molotov cocktails, "zip" guns, ammunition, gasoline and an improvised explosive device. Thirty-two-year-old David Wasson was arrested on a felony warrant and also for possession of explosives and weapons, heroin, methamphetamine and ammunition. Police say Wasson hasn't been linked to any criminal or terrorist group.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [SF Gate](#)

(U) San Francisco – Streets, Freeways Reopened as 'Suspicious Object' Deemed Safe

(U) San Francisco police closed streets in the South of Market area, shut down parts of two freeways and ordered people at the Hall of Justice to shelter in place yesterday as they investigated a "suspicious object" inside a car at a tow yard that was later declared safe. A bomb squad responded with a robot used to detect explosives, along with a mobile device to detonate bombs. All lanes of Interstate 80 and Highway 101 reopened after the threat initially forced the closures of the freeways in the area.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [SF Gate](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Inmate, Wife Indicted in Plot to Bomb State Prison

(U) Buckeye – An Arizona inmate and his wife have been indicted on terrorism and conspiracy charges in connection with a plot to build and explode a homemade bomb inside a state prison. The state grand jury indictment charged Thomas Bastian, 39, and Michelle Bastian, 49, with a scheme that state prosecutors said was intended to kill the prison warden or others at the Arizona State Prison Complex – Lewis. Michelle Bastian was arrested at her workplace last week on suspicion of terrorism and conspiracy for allegedly smuggling publications distributed by Islamist militant groups to her husband in prison.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) District of Columbia – NSA Contractor to Face Espionage Charges for Alleged Data Theft

(U) Washington– Government lawyers reported they would prosecute a former National Security Agency contractor accused of stealing classified information under an espionage law, a move carrying far more severe penalties than previously announced charges. Harold Thomas Martin spent over two decades pilfering classified information from multiple government agencies. Federal prosecutors expect to bring charges against him that included violations of the Espionage Act. The amount of stolen data is estimated to be at least fifty terabytes, enough to fill dozens of hard drives, prosecutors said, adding that the alleged criminal conduct "is breathtaking in its longevity and scale." Some officials have said the trove may amount to the largest heist of classified government information in history.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) New Hampshire – US Web Providers Says Probing East Coast Cyber Attack

(U) Manchester – Some major internet companies suffered service disruptions today due to what internet infrastructure provider Dyn said was a cyber-attack that affected some sites, mainly for users on the US East Coast. Some US internet users had trouble accessing sites including microblogging site Twitter, music streaming service Spotify, discussion site Reddit and news site Vox, but others found the sites accessible in Europe or via mobile phones. Dyn said what it described as an "attack" was mainly affecting the East Coast and that its engineers were working on it. The outages happened as hackers launched a large distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack on Dyn's servers.

SOURCE: 21 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Wisconsin – Man Pleads Guilty to Supporting ISIL

(U) Madison – A Wisconsin man who traveled to Turkey and Syria in 2014 to join the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has pleaded guilty of attempting to support a terrorist organization. Joshua Van Haften, 34, of Madison, Wisconsin, admitted that he was fully aware that ISIL had engaged in terrorism. Van Haften's sentencing is scheduled for February. He faces a maximum penalty of 15 years in federal prison.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) England – UK Police Arrest Teenager on Terrorism Offences over Item Found on Train

(U) London – British police said today they arrested a teenager under terrorism laws following the discovery of a "suspicious item" on a London underground train near the Canary Wharf financial district a day earlier. Officers discharged a stun gun during the arrest of the 19-year-old in north London who was detained on suspicion of preparing terrorism acts. The suspect item, which is still being forensically examined, was found on a train at North Greenwich station in east London near Canary Wharf and close to the O2 music venue. The station was evacuated and bomb squad officers carried out a controlled explosion. The investigation into the incident is being led by London's Counter Terrorism Command.

SOURCE: 21 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Lebanon – Authorities Detain Eight Syrians for Plotting Attacks on UN Peacekeepers, Tourists

(U) Beirut – Lebanese authorities detained eight Syrians accused of plotting suicide bomb attacks at popular tourist spots and on Lebanon's United Nations peacekeeping force. The eight men were arrested on charges of belonging to a terrorist organization and communicating with extremist groups. The group was planning attacks on restaurants and cafes in tourist areas and on UNIFIL, the UN peacekeeping force in Lebanon which patrols the southern border with Israel.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Tijuana-San Diego Drug Tunnel Found

(U) San Diego – US and Mexican authorities yesterday confirmed the discovery of a clandestine cross-border tunnel between Tijuana and San Diego. The tunnel's entrance was found near Tijuana's A.L. Rodríguez International Airport. A source with Baja California's Public Safety Secretariat said authorities believe that five tons of marijuana are inside the structure. The source said that the tunnel had been in operation, and that an anonymous tip had led Mexican soldiers and members of the state police to its discovery.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

(U) Mexico – Authorities Stop Truck with 121 Central American Migrants Bound for US

(U) Villahermosa – Immigration authorities in southern Mexico stopped a truck carrying 121 Central American migrants with signs of asphyxiation and dehydration, the National Migration Institute said in a statement yesterday. Migration officials stopped the truck during a routine operation in the southern state of Tabasco, and were alerted to the migrants inside when they heard screams for help. Of the 121 Central Americans they discovered, 55 were minors, with 23 girls and 32 boys. The migrants had paid between \$3,000 and \$5,000 to be driven through Mexico to the US border, and had been told not to eat or drink during the journey in order to avoid being detected by authorities.

SOURCE: 20 October 2016, [Reuters](#)

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